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Accompanying this Disclosure Statement are duplicate copies of form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to consider the listed items and to return an initialed copy of the form to the Applicant. To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, copies of the listed documents are provided.

The Examiner should be aware that the listed art was cited by the French Patent Office in a search report relating to 01 03236, from which priority is claimed. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the French search report (dated October 8, 2001) is enclosed.

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The documents are being submitted within three months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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